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REMARKS

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1. Military shipments observed at the Doeberitz (N 53/Z 65) railroad station between 8 and 25 March 1952 included:

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On 8 March. The loading of JSU-3 tanks [redacted] and JSU-122 SP guns [redacted] the same shipment was unloaded in Doeberitz between [redacted]

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11 and 12 a.m. on 20 March. [redacted] (1)

At 11 a.m. on 21 March. The loading of JSU-122 SP guns [redacted]

[redacted] 4 trucks and 1 field kitchen on an unknown number of flatcars, and of troops in 4 boxcars. (2)

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At 5:30 p.m. on 24 March. The unloading of 3 model BA-64 armored scout cars, 4 motorcycles, 5 armored personnel carriers, 10 trucks, each towing a model 43 57-mm AT gun, 5 trucks, each towing a model 42 45-mm AT gun, and 30 trucks [redacted]

[redacted] each occupied by about 16 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. (3)

At 5:30 p.m. on 25 March. The loading of 12 boxcars with about 240 troops, and of 30 flatcars with 12 model 43 152-mm field howitzers, 12 prime movers and 6 trucks [redacted]

(4)

2. T-34 tanks [redacted] were observed leaving the Neues Lager, Doeberitz, through the western gate and driving to the troop training grounds on 17 and 24 March. Four SP guns and about 25 T-34 tanks were seen at the Neues Lager during the time of observation. (5)

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3. On 23 March, 42 empty trucks, [redacted], were loaded at the Doeberitz railroad station by about 15 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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4. On 17 March, 47 trucks, [redacted], were loaded on the spur track at Damm airfield, Juetzenbog (N 52/E 69), by 5 officers and about 30 EM who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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5. On 19 March, truck [redacted] with damaged sedans [redacted] arrived at the Ziethen Kaserne, Rathenow (N 53/Z 15). According to the driver, the damaged vehicles came from the training area in Thuringia. (6)

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6. On 25 March, 3 x 122-mm field howitzers, repair-shop truck [] and 12 trucks [] were loaded at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station (N 53/K 23). [] there would be more loadings. (7) 50X1-HUM

7. At 4:54 p.m. on 25 March, a troop train carrying seven T-34/85 tanks [] SU-85 SP guns [] jeep [] and repair-shop truck [] passed through the Brandenburg main station. The train came from the direction of Potsdam and went toward Magdeburg. (8) 50X1-HUM

Comments.

- (1) The troops loaded on 8 March 1952 belonged to a tank unit of the 1st Mecz Div. The troop train probably went to Jueterbog as the date of its return coincides with that of a train from Jueterbog to Doeberitz. []
- (2) The loading, performed by a unit of the 1st Mecz Div, is probably identical with a loading reported []
- (3) The unit unloaded belongs to the 1st Mecz Div and probably came from Jueterbog. [] a battalion of the 283d (?) Gds How Arty Regt of the 1st Mecz Div was loaded on the train on 25 March 1952. 50X1-HUM [] an assembling of cars at the Doeberitz railroad station was ordered for the same day. As to the actual equipment with 152-mm howitzers, repeatedly observed with tank divisions and mechanized divisions, the information mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present report is a valuable indication that an artillery regiment of a mechanized division is organized into one battalion with 12 x 122-mm howitzers and one battalion with 12 x 152-mm howitzers instead of two battalions with 122-mm howitzers only.
- (5) The tanks belong to the 1st Mecz Div. [] about 100 tanks and SP guns in Doeberitz-Neues Lager in the winter of 1952. []
- (6) Probably damaged vehicles belonging to the headquarters of the IV Arty Corps which had left Rathenow for Buttstaedt by rail on 10 March 1952. []
- (7) The loadings mentioned in paragraph 6 were performed by components of the 6th Arty Div. The troop train possibly went to Altengrabow and belonged to the series of trains which hauled units from Brandenburg to Altengrabow since 7 March 1952. [] 50X1-HUM
- (8) The troop train mentioned in paragraph 7 carried a tank unit of the 10th Gds Tank Div which probably went to the Letzling Heath for firing practice with live ammunition.

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